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## **Thailand**

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### **Status of U.S. Meat and Bone Meal Market Access**

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**Report Highlights:**

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For further details on Thailand’s animal feed requirement, see GAIN report [TH7067 Animal Feed Import Regulation](#).

The DLD asserted that when the US status changes from “controlled risk” to negligible risk” it would immediately lift the ban on U.S. ruminant MBM. However, before plants are able to export to Thailand, these must be inspected by the DLD.

Table: Thailand Meat and Bone Meal Imports, 2007-2009

Country of Origin	United States Dollars			% Share			% Change 2009/2008
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	
World	45,743,000	76,343,551	99,385,097	100.00	100.00	100.00	30.18
Germany	9,718,733	24,610,826	31,070,555	21.25	32.24	31.26	26.25
Italy	5,344,880	11,646,429	26,052,228	11.68	15.26	26.21	123.69
Netherlands	6,019,486	7,026,878	10,058,138	13.16	9.20	10.12	43.14
Australia	698,256	2,147,233	6,144,810	1.53	2.81	6.18	186.17
France	2,345,550	5,413,839	5,818,289	5.13	7.09	5.85	7.47
Belgium	6	0	4,687,463	0.00	0.00	4.72	0.00
New Zealand	3,861,511	5,599,463	4,429,110	8.44	7.33	4.46	-20.90
United States	4,531,963	5,574,379	3,637,184	9.91	7.30	3.66	-34.75
Denmark	3,658,403	6,445,804	3,558,868	8.00	8.44	3.58	-44.79
Paraguay	665,125	1,848,827	1,303,130	1.45	2.42	1.31	-29.52
Austria	0	229,794	1,113,287	0.00	0.30	1.12	384.47
Argentina	113,549	197,547	1,040,986	0.25	0.26	1.05	426.95
Brazil	6,858,746	4,432,217	245,993	14.99	5.81	0.25	-94.45
United Kingdom	0	278,248	157,646	0.00	0.36	0.16	-43.34
Czech Republic	0	0	67,411	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00
Bulgaria	0	280,966	0	0.00	0.37	0.00	-100.00
Canada	1,321,721	232,269	0	2.89	0.30	0.00	-100.00
China	27,230	34,660	0	0.06	0.05	0.00	-100.00
Cyprus	0	67,128	0	0.00	0.09	0.00	-100.00
Taiwan	229,750	40,363	0	0.50	0.05	0.00	-100.00
India	74,172	0	0	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uruguay	237,105	236,664	0	0.52	0.31	0.00	-100.00
Korea South	36,800	0	0	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malaysia	13	15	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00